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STABILIZE PRICE OF SILVER.

THE cause of the white metal is being earnestly championed by Nevada men at the meeting of the Colorado branch of the American Mining congress, which is in session this week at Denver. It is of vital importance to this state that the government set a fair price for silver and make it permanent. There are two reasons. One is that it is necessary to remove the gambling chance in order to justify the vast expense of putting silver properties in commission, for it is necessary to work on a large scale in order to secure profit. Another reason is the exhaustion of silver-bearing ore bodies. It may be true that after countless centuries the fissures will again become enriched, but we can't wait countless centuries for this consummation. Nevada has already produced somewhere in the neighborhood of a billion dollars' worth of the white metal, which means that there is just that much less to be mined in the future. Nor do veins of precious metal come to light wherever a prospect shaft is sunk. There is a vast amount of silver ore still to be mined in Nevada, doubtless more than has yet been taken from the ground, but there should be some stability of price in order to justify the expense of mining and ore reduction. The United States will be in need for heavy production if the plan of melt down 180,000,000 coined dollars and ship the bullion to the allies is carried out, but there will be an enormous demand anyway. If the price of fuel and food-stuffs is to be fixed, why not first stabilize the price of one of the purchasing metals, a metal that has been a football for gold since the dawn of history?

AS TO ROAD BUILDING.

IT MAY or not be a fact that there are more miles of public highway in Nye than in any other county in the United States, but it is certain that it is the second largest in area. That would mean, at first sight, that it would be a tremendous job of keep its roads in condition, but there are two favoring considerations, one being its sparse population and the other the natural conditions. A road may be made with a drag, or even without one, simply by driving in a certain direction across a plain and having others follow, grinding down the sagebrush and establishing the trail.

Yet there are some difficult stretches of highway in this county, where money and plenty of it must be expended, not only for original construction, but for up-keep. There have always been criticisms of those who have roadways in charge, not only in Nye county, but elsewhere, and some of the criticisms have been well based, but not all. It is palpable that the road between Tonopah and Manhattan has had much money expended on it and to some benefit, but partly to waste. The character of this road is baffling and the difficulties of up-keep are increased by the long dry season, which causes chuckholes to lengthen and deepen, while the ponderous motor trucks dig up the road in perfectly scandalous fashion. All the foregoing is preliminary to a suggestion that there be two thoroughfares, one for light vehicles and another for trucks and freight teams. This would not only make road up-keep easier, but would save lots of trouble and delay in the matter of turnouts.

GET READY FOR THE BOOM.

WHENEVER a change of weather is due the oldest inhabitant always feels it in his bones. There is a similar sensation when a mining district is due for a boom. And it is not only the oldest inhabitants, but all the observing ones, who note the impending change. It may be detected by the nostrils and it smells like one now.

Note the people who have been coming in for a day or two and returning. Apparently they were not interested in anything more exciting than dropping a few nickels in a slot machine or discussing the war, but they come back and they keep coming back. They are men of note in the mining world and they stand several A's high with Dun and Bradstreet.

Several of these welcome visitors have already announced making investments, while others are non-committal, but it is known that many deals for groups, claims or stock interests have been made both in Manhattan and Tonopah recently. With a little lifting of the war cloud and other favoring conditions, there will be a really, truly mining revival in this section of the state, which may assume the proportions of a boom.

A FULL POCKETBOOK.

THIS country's pocketbook, so far from being depleted, is full almost to capacity, and its contents are steadily increasing. For the resources of our national banks have risen to a new high level of \$18,553,000,000, says the Mining Record.

Compilation of reports of 7,656 banks as of November 20, 1917, completed by Comptroller Williams, shows an increase in resources since September 11 of \$2,009,000,000 and an increase since November 17, 1916, of \$3,083,000,000. The comptroller called attention to the fact that the total resources of all state banks and trust companies and private banks as reported last June. The United States is, indeed, a billionaire nation.

THEY'RE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.

IT IS stated in a news item, reproduced elsewhere in this issue, that only eighty-two young men have enrolled for this semester of the Nevada State university. The article does not give the reason, but it is palpable. To find it one need only look at the service flag which the institution is proudly flying. It contains

stars for twice the number of the enrolled men. The very fact that there is such a preponderance of co-eds this term is proof that our state college boys have done their part for world democracy.

NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—An all-National league baseball team, the selection of which is based upon the official records of the leading players for at least fifty games in their respective positions, shows, almost without exception, famous stars at their accustomed stations. According to the system used, 50 per cent is allowed for the value of the player on the offensive and an equal percentage for his defensive work. The theory is that a player on such a combination should be equally strong at bat and in the field. As a result high-grade stick work and fielding are necessary to produce a place-winning average and this applies to all the players, including the pitcher, who, in addition, must show league-leading ability in the box, although not called upon to qualify in the 50-game class.

Under these conditions it is not surprising that Grover Alexander, late of the Philadelphia club, should stand out as the premier twirler of the senior league. Viewed from almost any angle, Alexander's records prove his right to be selected for the position of boxman on an all-star 1917 National league team. He led the league in number of innings pitched and allowed less runs per game than any other twirler.

Alexander was also four in percentage on the games-won-and-lost basis and his combined batting and fielding averages produce a higher grand average than any of his rivals. Perritt and Schupp of New York, Schneider of Cincinnati, and Vaughn of Chicago are close competitors for the position, but none quite approaches Alexander's standard.

Catcher Killifer, who is Alexander's battery mate and who was sold to the Chicago National league team recently with the pitcher, easily makes the place behind the bat. His grand average is .829, eight points better than that of Raridon of New York. Gonzales of St. Louis is third and Wingo of Cincinnati is fourth.

Among the first basemen Konetchy of Boston and Chase of Cincinnati are almost tied for first place, the Braves' initial sack guardian winning the position by the scant margin of three points in grand average. Chase has five points the better of the batting averages, but Konetchy is eleven points better in fielding, with the net result that the Boston player is the choice for the bag.

Another Boston player fits in on the midway sack, for Rawlings' records at bat and in the field show to better advantage than either Cutshaw of Brooklyn or Doyle of Chicago. Of this trio Cutshaw has the best batting average, but Rawlings' fielding puts him to the fore with a total of .616 to Cutshaw's .611 and Doyle's .603.

At third base Groh of Cincinnati leads the field by a comfortable margin. He batted .304 and fielded .966 for a grand average of .635. His nearest rival is Zimmerman of New York, who is thirteen points below the Cincinnati player. Zimmerman's figures show that he batted seven

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 Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 21st day of December, 1917, an assessment (\$50.00) of one cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the secretary, at the office of the company, 265 Russ building, San Francisco, California.

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points below Groh and fielded nineteen points below the season average of the winner of the place.

The position of shortstop is earned by another star, in the person of Hornsby of St. Louis. He is twenty-five points better than his nearest rival, Fletcher of New York. Olson of Brooklyn and Marvins of Boston finished right at the heels of Fletcher, but neither threatens the first place laurels of Hornsby. The latter hit .327 and fielded .939 for the 1917 season, giving him a grand average of .633.

For the outfield, Roush of Cincinnati, Wheat of Brooklyn, and Kauff of New York form the leading trio. Burns of New York, Cary of Pittsburgh, and Neale of Cincinnati show up well, but none of them could wrest a place from the first three mentioned. Roush is six points better than Wheat, while Kauff falls three points below the latter's average.

CYANIDE IN RIVER.

The state university has been asked to analyze samples of water taken from the Carson river below a mill operated by the Carson Mill company. Reported pollution of the river by dumping tailings from the cyanide plant of the milling company into the stream is being investigated by Attorney General Thatcher on complaint of several ranchers who say their cattle are being endangered. One rancher reported to the attorney general that he had lost six head from poisoned water.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD SOLDIER.

Winnemucca in fullest measure paid tribute to Fred W. Scott, the first Humboldt county young man to give his life in the service of his country during the present great war. With military honors as far as it was possible the dead soldier was laid at rest, says the Star.

The funeral services, held at 2 o'clock in Nixon opera house, were most impressive and attended by nearly all the people of the city and many from outside places.

LEASE AND BOND GIVEN ON AMERICAN CANYON MINE

Work is expected to start the first of the month on a silver and gold property in South American canyon, just across the range from Rochester, according to R. S. Fiege, owner of the ground, who states that he has given a lease with bond to local parties.

Considerable work has been done on the claims, there being one shaft of 100 feet depth and another shaft of forty feet. From the bottom of the latter shaft a drift has been run in for 150 feet, which shows good values in silver and gold.—Lovelock Review-Miner.

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BETTER PRODUCTION ON WESTERN RANGES

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—How grazing experts of the forest service have succeeded in improving the quality of the range and have developed methods of handling cattle which result in reduced losses and bigger calf crops is told in a preliminary report of the studies being made at the Jornada range reserve in New Mexico, issued as Bulletin 558 of the department of agriculture.

While the studies are as yet incomplete, it is stated that as a result of the improved methods grama grass range on the reserve has improved 50 per cent in comparison with areas on which the grazing was uncontrolled. A system of stock watering places has aided in the utilization of the range, while care in handling cattle, the gradual improvement of the herds, and vaccination against blackleg have resulted in a larger calf crop, increased returns from sales and lower losses.

UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE LOW.

Only eighty-two men, the smallest number to be enrolled at the state university in twelve years, are now attending classes there. The total registration is 223, which is 101 less than the registration on January 18, 1917, and seventy-five less than at the close of last semester. It is expected the registration will be 250 by February 1, but it is not expected this number will be passed this semester.

INSURANCE FUND GROWING.

A preliminary statement of the condition of the state insurance fund, just compiled by the Nevada industrial commission for fifty-four months' operation ending December 31, 1917, shows resources of \$634,758.75 and known and estimated liabilities of \$433,955.93, a surplus of \$200,802.82 of assets over all liabilities incurred to that date. This is an increase of \$62,000 over the surplus of June 30, 1917, and is due to a decrease in the number and severity of accidents.

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TRANSACTIONS OF THE STATE LAND OFFICE FOR THE YEAR PAST CODED

C. L. Deady, surveyor-general and state land register, has compiled a report of the transactions of his office for the year 1917, which shows that during the year just closed 125 applications for the purchase of 12,979.93 acres of land were filed in the state land office, on which the first and completed payments amounted to \$5,421.99. One hundred and twenty-one new contracts were entered into for the purchase of 14,422.78 acres, representing a principal of \$14,422.78, on which the annual interest amounts to \$866.37. Sixty-nine maturing 20-year contracts were renewed to fifty years.

There were 421 state land patents issued, embracing 129,832.16 acres. During the same period 210 contracts embracing 23,150.90 acres on which \$17,991.82 had been paid became forfeited to the state on account of contractor's failure to comply with the law.

The state has 26,217.64 acres of forfeited lands subject to entry located in nearly every county in the state. On January 1, 1918, there were 4,546 contracts for the purchase of state lands in force, embracing 315,386.44 acres, representing a principal of \$818,464.48, on which the annual interest amounts to \$9,108.13, and which is apportioned as follows: Support of the public schools, \$47,770.75; Mining and Mechanics Arts college of the state university, \$338.26, and the state university fund, \$489.12.

The total receipts of the office from all sources which have been paid into the state treasury are as follows:

Interest payments on contracts	\$53,050.95
Full payments on contracts	127,787.33
First payments on applications	2,915.76
Full payments at time of applications	2,506.24
Land office fees	252.20
Carey act fees	6.00
Total receipts	\$186,518.47

During the year sixty-three blue prints of new and supplemental plats of government surveys were received from the United States surveyor-general's office and filed in the state land office.

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